Application No.: 10/617,678

Group Art Unit: 3612

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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1 and 2 (Cancelled)

- 3. (Currently Amended) A side rack rod for motor vehicle, comprising:
- a pair of corresponding anchors[[,]] each having a straight tubular section;
- a curved pipe section at both ends an end of each of said straight tubular sections;
 - a fixed base at each of said curved pipe section, and sections;
- a sleeve disposed between two said pair of anchors; characterized in that and configured to receive said straight tubular sections, said fixed base, bases each having a long groove hole, such that the maximum and minimum distances between said two long groove holes fitting a range of various sizes are adjustable according to the length of at least one of said straight tubular sections and said sleeve; and

wherein said straight pipe section of the anchor has a length larger than that of said sleeve.

4. (Currently Amended) [[A]] <u>The</u> side rack rod for motor vehicle as claimed in claim 3, wherein said sleeve is hollow and interconnected between said straight pipe section and curved pipe section sections of said anchor pair of corresponding anchors.

Claim 5 (Cancelled)